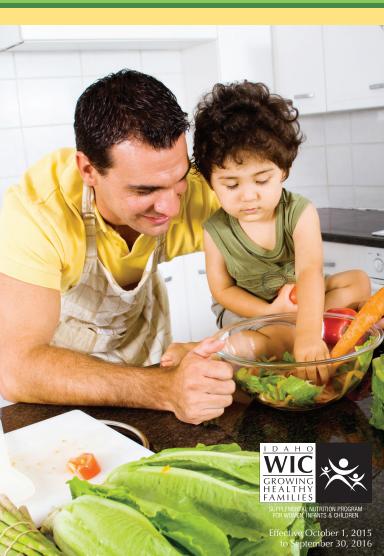
# Fresh & Healthy

Idaho WIC authorized food list



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www.wic.dhw.idaho.gov

# Helpful Hints

# shopping for WIC foods

- You will need your WIC Identification Folder every time you use a WIC check or Cash Value Voucher at the grocery store.
- Choose WIC-approved foods in the amounts listed on your WIC checks or Cash Value Voucher.
- Separate WIC foods from other items you are buying.
- Keep each WIC check's or Cash Value Voucher's food separate.
- Hand your WIC check(s), Cash Value Voucher and WIC Identification Folder to the cashier when you arrive at the checkstand.
- Sign the WIC check or Cash Value Voucher after the cashier writes the amount of the purchase on the WIC check or Cash Value Voucher.
- Do not accept cash back or rainchecks.
- If you have problems finding WIC foods, talk to the manager about the store's delivery schedule.



# Fruits and vegetables



#### Buy

Any variety whole or cut fresh fruit and vegetables, including organic.

# Do Not Buy

Items from the salad bar, party trays, fruit gift baskets, decorative vegetables and fruits, herbs, spices, nuts. Jarred, frozen, canned, dried. Added ingredients, non fruit/vegetable items.

## **Quick tips**

When buying fresh fruits and vegetables, follow these steps:

- Place the item on the grocery scale.
- Round the weight to the nearest pound or half pound.
- Estimate the cost based on the Chart for Purchasing Fresh Produce.
- You may also buy items with a set price.
- If you go over the amount of the voucher when using a Cash Value Voucher, you may put something back or pay the difference plus tax. If you do not use the full amount of the voucher, you will not receive cash back.

# Fruits and vegetables

# **Chart For Purchasing Fresh Produce**

Price per lb	1 lb	1 ½ lbs	2 lbs	2 ½ lbs	3 lbs	3 ½ lbs	4 lbs
0.79	0.79	1.19	1.58	1.98	2.37	2.77	3.16
0.89	0.89	1.34	1.78	2.23	2.67	3.12	3.56
0.99	0.99	1.49	1.98	2.48	2.97	3.47	3.96
1.09	1.09	1.64	2.18	2.73	3.27	3.82	4.36
1.19	1.19	1.79	2.38	2.98	3.57	4.17	4.76
1.29	1.29	1.94	2.58	3.23	3.87	4.52	5.16
1.39	1.39	2.09	2.78	3.48	4.17	4.87	5.56
1.49	1.49	2.24	2.98	3.73	4.47	5.22	5.96
1.59	1.59	2.39	3.18	3.98	4.77	5.57	6.36
1.69	1.69	2.54	3.38	4.23	5.07	5.92	6.76
1.79	1.79	2.69	3.59	4.48	5.37	6.27	7.16
1.89	1.89	2.84	3.78	4.73	5.67	6.62	7.56
1.99	1.99	2.99	3.98	4.98	5.97	6.97	7.96
2.09	2.09	3.14	4.18	5.23	6.27	7.32	8.36
2.19	2.19	3.29	4.28	5.48	6.57	7.67	8.76
2.29	2.29	3.44	4.58	5.73	6.87	8.02	9.16
2.39	2.39	3.59	4.78	5.98	7.17	8.37	9.56
2.49	2.49	3.74	4.98	6.23	7.47	8.72	9.96
2.59	2.59	3.89	5.18	6.48	7.77	9.07	10.36
2.69	2.69	4.04	5.38	6.73	8.07	9.42	10.76
2.79	2.79	4.19	5.58	6.98	8.37	9.77	11.16



#### Cereal

# Buy

Only the cereals pictured here in the amount printed on check.



Plain flavor only\*



Plain flavor only\*



Plain flavor only\*



Plain flavor only





Plain flavor only



Plain flavor only\*



Cinnamon only\*



Honey Roasted only\*



Plain flavor only\*





\* Whole grains

# **Do Not Buy**

Cold cereal: less than 12 oz packages



#### Buy

Only the cereals pictured here in the amount printed on check.







Plain flavor only



Plain flavor only\*



Original only



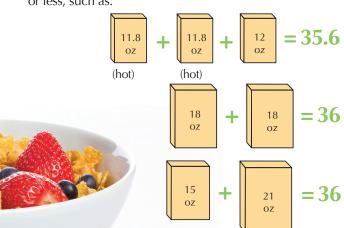
Original only\*

\* Whole grains

# **Do Not Buy**

Hot cereal: less than 11.8 oz packages

Choose any combination of WIC cereal to total 36 oz or less, such as:



# Whole grains

#### Whole wheat pasta

#### Buy

Any brand, dry, 12 to 16 oz box or bag, 100% whole wheat only.



# Do Not Buy

Added seasonings, ingredients, flavors, organic, refrigerated, frozen, bulk.

#### **Brown rice**

# Buy

Any brand brown rice. Plain, short, medium, long grain. 14 to 16 oz bag. Bulk allowed.



## **Do Not Buy**

Added seasonings, ingredients, flavors, boxed, organic.



# Whole grains

#### Whole wheat bread

#### Buy

Any brand 16 oz loaf, 100% whole wheat, must say "100% whole wheat" on the label.



# **Do Not Buy**

Specialty, organic, light or "lite".

#### Whole wheat and soft corn tortillas

#### Buy

Only the brands of tortillas pictured below. 12 to 16 oz.



Ortega Whole Wheat



Mission Whole Wheat



Don Pancho Whole Wheat



Guerrero White Corn



Mission Yellow Corn Extra Thin



La Burrita Soft Corn



Casa Valdez Soft Corn



# Peanut butter, dry beans, peas, lentils

#### **Peanut butter**

#### Buy

Any brand of 16 to 18 oz smooth to super crunchy.



# Do Not Buy

Spreads, honey roasted nut, bulk, organic, reduced fat, omega-3.

#### Dry beans, peas, lentils

#### Buy

Any brand bagged or bulk plain dried beans, peas, or lentils to total 16 oz or less. Canned beans only if printed on check.





Added grains, flavoring, organic, soup mix.



- Adding one meal/week with beans as the protein source can help your family save money.
- Soak dry beans prior to cooking.
- Cover 1 pound beans with 6 cups water, soak overnight, discard soaking water.



#### Buy

#### Juice for women

100% juice listed below in 11.5 oz or 12 oz frozen concentrate.



All flavors



All flavors



All flavors with dark green lids





Any brand

#### Juice for children

100% juice listed below in 64 oz plastic bottles.



Original and low sodium



Purple and white grape



All flavors



Any brand



Langer's apple and pineapple



All flavors with green lid

# **Do Not Buy**

Cider, organic, refrigerated, added fiber, reduced sugar.

# Dairy

#### Milk

#### Buy

Any brand pasteurized, unflavored cow's milk in type and container size printed on check.



**Buy only if printed on check:** evaporated, powdered, lactose reduced/free, goat's milk, soy milk/beverage.

#### **Do Not Buy**

Organic, unpasteurized, specialty, rice, almond, UHT (shelf stable), powdered goat's milk.

#### Cheese

#### Buy

Any brand of 16 oz (1 lb) pasteurized domestic natural, regular or low-fat, unsliced vacuum-packed cheese pictured below. **Blends of single cheeses allowed.** 







Colby-Jack



Swiss



Mozzarella

#### Do Not Buy

Monterey Jack

Extra sharp or white cheddar, unpasteurized, shredded, cubed, deli, organic, cream, flavored, cheese foods or spreads, added ingredients, 8 oz, 32 oz.

# **Y**ogurt

#### Buy

Only the brands and flavors listed in 32 oz containers.

#### Whole yogurt for children 1-2 years



All Natural Plain



Mountain High Original Plain or Vanilla



Nancy's Plain Honey

#### Reduced fat for all other participants



Any brand



Dannon All Natural Vanilla



Mountain High Vanilla



Nancy's Vanilla



Yoplait Original Vanilla, Strawberry, Peach or Strawberry Banana

#### **Do Not Buy**

Organic, Greek, single serving containers.

# **Eggs**

#### Buy

Any brand FDA-approved small, medium or large white chicken eggs in cartons of 12.

# **Do Not Buy**

Specialty (e.g., organic, cage free, omega-3 added).

## Infant foods

#### Buy

8 or 16 oz Gerber or Beech-Nut cereal, any grain.





# Do Not Buy

Added fruit, formula, organic, cans, jars, DHA/ARA.

#### Buy

Any plain or mixed fruit and vegetables in 3.5 to 4 oz Gerber or Beech-Nut Classics containers.













= 2 Containers

# Do Not Buy

Added ingredients, organic, DHA/ARA, desserts, pouches.

# For 100% breastfeeding mothers and babies

#### Tuna/Salmon

#### Buy

**Tuna:** any brand 5 oz chunk or light canned in water or oil.

**Salmon:** any brand 5 oz pink canned.





#### **Do Not Buy**

**Tuna:** fresh, smoked, albacore, white, fancy white, snack packs, gourmet, organic, flavored, pouches.

**Salmon:** fresh, Atlantic salmon, red Atlantic sockeye salmon, snack packs, organic, flavored, pouches.

#### **Infant Meats**

#### Buy

2.5 oz Gerber or Beech-Nut. Any variety of meat. Added broth/gravy allowed.





# **Do Not Buy**

Dinners. Added fruit, vegetables, or noodles. DHA/ARA, organic, sticks.



Remember, if the brand is not listed, you can help WIC by choosing the lowest cost foods!



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